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SUBJECT: FRIENDSHIP CEREMONY AT CHILE-PERU BORDER

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- 1. CEREMONY PREDICTED PARA 2 REFTEL TOOK PLACE ON CHILE-PERU BORDER BETWEEN ARICA AND TACNA ON NOV 16. ACCORDING SANTIAGO PRESS REPORTS SOME SIX THOUSAND CITIZENS OF BOTH COUNTRIES WATCHED WHILE ONE COMPANY OF INFANTRY EACH FROM CHILE AND PERU LINED UP ACROSS THE BORDER AND EXCHANGED SALUTES, MEDALS, AND NATIONAL ANTHEMS, WHILE A MEMORIAL TREE WAS PLANTED.
- 2. HIGH POINT OF CEREMONY WAS 22-SECOND "EMBRACE OF FRIENDSHIP" (ABRAZO DE LA CONCORDIA) ACROSS LINE BY CHILEAN COL. MENA, ARICA COMMANDER, AND PERUVIAN GEN. GARCIA, TACNA COMMANDER, WHICH ASSEMBLED MULTITUDE VIEWED IN "PROFOUND SILENCE". LAST SUCH ABRAZO APPARENTLY EXCHANGED IN 1929 AT TIME OF SIGNING OF TREATY WHICH DEFINED BORDER.
- 3. COMMENT: AS NOTED REFTEL, SPECIAL EFFORTS BEING MADE BY BOTH COUNTRIES TO PRESENT PUBLIC IMAGE OF FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL TRUST TO COUNTER WIDESPREAD CONCERN OVER MILITARY TENSION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO SECRET

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